## 2007 Farm Bill Policy Positions

I am Kyle Hoodenpyle with the <u>Dairy Producers of New Mexico</u>; a grassroots voluntary association representing producers in New Mexico and Texas.

The association actively participates in affecting public policy,

...therefore, I will outline what Dairy Producers supports and opposes.

Dairy Producers of New Mexico believes in open and free trade in milk and does not support the creation of state compacts for the purposes of pricing milk;

...nor any form of dairy compacts as we rely upon milk markets throughout the various states.

- We also **oppose** state orders that would impair the free flow of milk.
- Dairy Producers of New Mexico <u>opposes:</u> any form of the continuation of forward contracting of milk.
- We <u>oppose</u> any legislation that would use the <u>Federal Milk Marketing Order</u> or other federal programs that protects a state pricing and pooling plan from the effects of interstate commerce,
  - .... Effessihe state plan prices milk at levels no less than the <u>Federal Milk</u> <u>Marketing Order</u> prices.
- Pairy Producers of New Mexico opposes the Milk Income Loss Contracts program because it does not help all producers equally.
  - ... as well as any form of <u>direct payment</u> from the government based upon production because such payments distort markets and reduce milk prices.

- √Dairy Producers of New Mexico <u>supports</u> the Dairy Price Support Program at its present support level and full funding for the Dairy Export Incentive Program.
  - ....WE <u>support</u> the full implementation of import tariffs, many of which are not being utilized.
- √Dairy Producers <u>support</u> the continued use of <u>Federal Milk Orders</u> to prevent the disorderly marketing of milk.
  - ...We support the <u>Federal Milk Marketing Order's</u> role in stabilizing and improving the pricing of milk for producers.

Its success over the years has been the result of an inclusive and deliberative rulemaking process.

- √Dairy Producers of New Mexico <u>supports</u> the continued full funding for
  - o food safety and
  - o anti-agro-terrorism and
  - o anti-eco-terrorism endeavors,
    - which are to include animal tracking as well as programs for maintaining national herd health,
    - because it is important for national security that the food supply be protected.
- √ Dairy Producers <u>support</u> the recognition and use of biofuels as alternative, renewable energy sources and funding to facilitate the development and implementation of biofuel projects.
- √We <u>support</u> the concept that environmental stewardship monies should be equally available to all producers.
- √Dairy Producers of New Mexico <u>supports</u> the Farm Service Agency and Natural Resource Conservation Service for their support to the dairy industry.
- ... It's important that these programs are fully funded to assist grassroots producers.

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